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## A SUGGESTIVE LIST OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

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This list is presented with the hope that it may be helpful to those who are buying Christmas books for children. There are many other books that might well be included were it not for the lack of space.

The grouping of the books is approximate. There are books in each group that will be interesting to the children in another. Children of the kindergarten age will enjoy greatly the illustrations in many of the books of the first group and will also be interested in some of the stories.

### PRIMARY GRADES

Adelborg, Ottilia. Clean Peter and the children of Grubbylea. Longmans. \$1.25.

Peter's efforts to clean the children of Grubbylea told in rhymes and funny pictures.

Aesop. Aesop for children; il. by Milo Winter. Rand. \$2.00.

Bergengren, R. W. Jane, Joseph and John. Atlantic Monthly. \$2.50. Very attractively illustrated verses for little children.

Bigham, M. A. Stories of Mother Goose village. Rand. \$0.75.

Boutet de Monvel, L. M. Old songs and rounds for little children; arranged by C. M. Widor. Duffield. \$2.25.

French and English text.

Brooke, L. L. Johnny Crow's garden. Warne. \$1.50. Nursery rhyme picture book. Warne. \$3.00. Tailor and the crow. Warne. \$1.25.

Rhymes and verses illustrated with Leslie Brooke's humorous drawings. Caldecott, Randolph. Picturebook. 4v. Warne. \$2.25ea; 16 parts pa. \$0.60ea.

"Caldecott's pictures are delightfully and wholesomely humorous and his art appeals to the youngest children." Bookshelf for boys and girls.

France, Anatole. pseud. Girls and boys; scenes from the country and town; il. by Boutet de Monvel. Duffield. \$2.25.

Brentano carries a French ed.

"Twelve delicately colored full-page plates and many pen and ink illustrations of quaint, prim little French children, accompanied by simple stories of child life in town and country."—N. Y. state library.
nett, L. A. The merrymakers. Rand. \$1.00.
"A nice picture book for small folk."—A. L. A. Bkl.

The Muffin shop; il. by Hope Dunlap. Rand. \$1.00.

A story told in verse introducing various Mother Goose characters.

- Gates, J. S. (P). Little girl blue. Houghton Mifflin. \$0.90. Story of live dolls. Bobbs-Merrill. \$1.50.
- Greenaway, Kate. Under the window; picture and rhymes. Warne. \$2.50. Marigold garden. Warne. \$2.50.
- Hofman, Caroline. All around the sun-dial. Dutton. \$2.50. Nursery rhymes.
- Hunt, C. W. The little house in the woods. Houghton Mifflin. \$1.50.

  "A pleasant story of day-to-day happenings in a little house on the Maine coast, where little six-year-old Dorothy spends a delightful summer."—A. L. A. Bkl.
- Ivimey, J. W. Complete version of Ye three blind mice. Warne. \$0.50. Describes the various experiences of the mice. Good illustrations.
- Lefèvre, Félicité. Cock, the mouse and the little red hen; il. by Tony Sarg. Jacobs. \$0.90.
- LeMair, Willabeek, il. The children's corner, rhymes by R. H. Elkin. McKay. \$2.00. Little songs of long ago. McKay. \$2.50. Old Dutch nursery rhymes; the original tunes harmonized by Julius Rontgen. McKay. \$2.00. Our old nursery rhymes; the original tunes harmonized by Alfred Moffat. McKay. \$2.50.

Willabeek LeMair's illustrations are distinguished for their grace and delicate coloring.

Marshall, R. A. A ride on a rocking horse. Dutton. \$2.00.

"A pretty story of a runaway journey on old Dapple, who once a year became like other horses."—A. L. A. Bkl.

- Mother Goose. Complete Mother Goose; il. by E. F. Betts. Stokes. \$1.50.
  Jessie Willcox Smith, Mother Goose. Dodd. \$3.50. Mother Goose nursery rhymes and nursery songs, set to music by J. W. Elliott. McLoughlin. \$0.50. Old nursery rhymes; il. by Arthur Rackham. Century. \$2.50.
- Potter, Beatrix. Peter Rabbit series. Warne. \$0.60ea.

Contents: Tale of Peter Rabbit; Tale of Squirrel Nutkin; Tailor of Glouster; Tale of Benjamin Bunny; Tale of two bad mice; Tale of Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle; Tale of Mr. Jeremy Fisher; Tale of Tom Kitten; Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck; Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies; Tale of Mrs. Tittle-Mouse; Tale of Tommy-Tiptoes; Tale of Mr. Todd; Tale of Pigling Bland. Pie and the Patty Pan. Warne. \$0.60. The Roly-poly pudding. Warne. \$1.25.

- Pyle, Katharine. Mother's nursery rhymes. Dutton. \$3.00.
  - Six little ducklings. Dodd. \$1.50.
- Smith, Gertrude. Arabella and Araminta stories; il. by Ethel Reed. Small. \$1,00.
  - Jolly Polly. Small, Maynard & Co. \$1.00.
- Stein, Evaleen. Rosechen and the wicked magpie. Lothrop. \$1.25.

  "Story of a little Tyrolese peasant girl, a caged magpie which was not really wicked and the traditionally hard-hearted baron who is brought to see the error of his ways."—A. L. A. Bkl.
- Stevenson, R. L. B. Child's garden of verses; il. by J. W. Smith. Scribner. \$2.50.
- Tappan, E. M. Dixie Kitten. Houghton Mifflin. \$1.25.
  "A true story about a real cat." (3-4)

Vimar, Auguste. Curly-haired hen; tr. from the French by N. K. Hills. Warne. \$1.25.

#### INTERMEDIATE GRADES

Allies' fairy book; with an introduction by Edmund Gosse; il. by Arthur Rackham. Lippincott. \$1.75.

Fairy stories representing the nations which were allied in the late war. Andersen, H. C. Fairy tales; tr. by Braekstad; il. by Hans Tegner. Century. \$5.00.

A beautiful gift ed.

Same; tr. by Mrs. Lucas; il. by the Robinson brothers. Dutton. \$3.00. Same; il. by Louis Rhead. Harper. \$1.50.

Arabian nights' entertainments. Arabian nights: their best-known tales: ed. by K. D. Wiggin and N. A. Smith; il. in color by Maxfield Parrish. Scribner. \$2.50.

A beautiful gift ed. A splendid collection though perhaps a few of the stories are better told for children in the version ed. by Andrew Lang. Arabian nights' entertainments; selected and ed. by Andrew Lang. Long-\$1.25. Stories from the Arabian nights; retold by Laurence Houseman; with drawings by Edmund Dulac. Doran. \$2.50.

The illustrator has been especially fortunate in getting the oriental atmosphere.

Barrie, J. M. Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens; il. by Arthur Rackham. Scribner. \$2.50.

There is another more expensive ed. containing 50 colored plates at

Barzini, Luigi. Little match man. Penn. \$1.50.
"The story of a little man made of matches who came to life and had many wonderful adventures. Translated from the Italian."—A. L. A. Bkl.

Boutet de Monvel, L. M. Joan of Arc. Century. \$3.50.

"One of the most beautiful picture books ever published in this country for children."-A. L. A. Bkl.

Pied Piper of Hamelin; il. by Kate Greenaway. Warne. Browning, Robert. \$2.50. Same; il. by Hope Dunlap. Rand. \$1.25.

Burgess, T. W. Bedtime story books. Little. \$0.60ea.

Adventures of Bob White, Adventures of ol' mistah Buzzard, Adventures of Jerry Muskrat, Adventures of Danny Meadow Mouse, Adventures of Grandfather Frog, Adventures of Johnny Chuck, etc.

Happy Jack. Little. \$1.35.

Story of a squirrel.

Burnett, F. (H.) Little Lord Fauntleroy; il. by R. B. Birch. Scribner. \$2.25. Little Princess; il. by E. F. Betts. Scribner. \$2.25.

Raven patrol of Bob's Hill. Holt. \$1.35.

Boys will be interested in this last volume of the Bob's Hill ser. Entertaining account of the adventures of boys in camp and their further adventures in Boston.

Little lame prince; il. by Hope Dunlap. Rand. \$1.25, Craik, D. M.

Creswick, Paul. Robin Hood, il. by N. C. Wyeth. McKay. \$2.50.

Defoe, Daniel. Robinson Crusoe; il. by E. Boyd Smith. Houghton Mifflin. \$2.50. First part only. Same; il. by the brothers Rhead. Harper. \$1.50. Same; with plates after designs by Noel Pocok. Doran. \$2.50.

Dodge, M. (M.) Hans Brinker or The silver skates; il. by M. W. Enright. McKay. \$2.50.

A beautiful gift ed.

Gate, E. M. Broom fairies and other stories. Yale univ. \$1.00.

"Eight new fairy tales which combine imagination, beauty and humor so well that they could hold their own in any collection of the best old tales."

Dial.

Grimm, J. L. C. and Grimm, W. K. Fairy tales; il. by Louis Rhead. Harper. \$1.50. Same; ed. with an introduction by H. W. Mabie; il. by E. F. Betts. Barse and Hopkins. \$1.50. Same; tr. by Mrs. Lucas. Smaller ed. \$2.50.

Ives, S. N. Key to Betsy's heart. Macmillan. \$1.50.
Girls in sixth and seventh grade will enjoy this story.

Harris, J. C. Nights with Uncle Remus; il. by Milo Winter. Houghton Mifflin. \$3.50.

A beautiful gift ed.

Same. Houghton Mifflin. \$1.50.

Jamison, C. V. Lady Jane. Century. \$1.50. A charming story of life in New Orleans.

Johnson, Clifton, ed. Fir tree fairy book. Little. \$1.60. Oak tree fairy book. Little. \$1.60.

Kingsley, Charles. Water-babies; a fairy tale for a land baby; il. by J. W. Smith. Dodd Mead & Co. \$3.50.

Kipling, Rudyard. Jungle book. Century. \$1.50. Second Jungle book. Century. \$1.50.

Lagerlöf, S. O. L. Wonderful adventures of Nils; tr. from the Swedish by V. S. Howard. Doubleday. \$2.50.

A very attractive ed. of this charming fairy story.

Lorenzini, Carlo. Adventures of Pinochio; il. by C. Folkard. Dutton. \$3.00. Adventures of a marionette. Very popular.

Macdonald, George. At the back of the north wind; il. by J. W. Smith. McKay. \$2.50.

Maeterlinck, Maurice. Children's blue bird, by Georgette Leblanc (Madame Maurice Maeterlinck). Dodd. \$3.00.

A beautiful gift ed.

Malory, Sir Thomas. Boys' King Arthur; ed. by Sydney Lanier; il. by N. C. Wyeth. Scribner. \$2.50. Book of King Arthur and his noble knights stories from Morte d'Arthur by Mary Macleod. Stokes. \$2.00.

Olcott, F. J. Red Indian fairy book. Houghton Mifflin. \$2.50.

Any child interested in fairy tales will enjoy these delightfully told stories.

Paine, A. B. Hollow tree and deep woods book. Harper. \$1.50. Hollow tree snowed in book. Harper. \$1.50.

Amusing stories of the 'coon, the 'possum and the crow who lived in the Hollow tree.

Belgian twins, Cave twins, Dutch twins, Eskimo twins, French twins, Irish twins, Japanese twins, Mexican twins, Spartan twins. Houghton

Delightful books for little children giving simply the everyday life in the different countries.

Children's book. New ed. Houghton Mifflin. \$3.50. Scudder, H. E. An excellent collection of fables, ballads and old fairy tales. May be included in the upper grade group.

Simpson, Elizabeth. Prince Melody in Music Land. Knopf. \$1.75.

"How Prince Melody climbed the magic scale staircase of eight steps, how Lady Treble Clef subdued the Giant Bass Clef, how the notes learned to sing and then to play leap-frog into triads, and other stories that will interest children who have had some musical education."—A. L. A. Bkl.

Singmaster, Elsie. When Sarah saved the day. Houghton Mifflin. \$1.35. When Sarah went to school. Houghton Mifflin. \$1.35.

English fairy tales; il. by Arthur Rackham. Macmillan. \$2.50. Steel, F. A. Stockton, Frank. Queen's museum and other fanciful tales: il. by Frederick Richardson. Scribner. \$2.50.

VanLoon, H. M. History with a match. McKay. \$1.25.

White, E. O. The blue aunt. Houghton Mifflin. \$1.35.

"A delightful story of the day-to-day happenings in a typical American home where there is a girl of seven and a boy a little older."—A. L. A. Bkl. Wyss, J. D. Swiss family Robinson; il. by Louis Rhead. Harper. \$1.50.

#### UPPER GRADES

Little women; il. by J. W. Smith. Little. \$3.00. Same; il. Alcott, L. M. by A. B. Stephens. Little. \$2.25.

Aldon, Adair. The island of Appledore. Macmillan. \$1.50.

"Adventures on an island off the coast of New England which is wanted by some Germans for a wireless station. Old Captain Saulsby owns the land. Seventeen-year-old Billy's friendship with the captain and his part in the eventful summer send him posthaste to enlist in the navy."-A. L. A. Bkl.

Altsheler, J. A. The lords of the wild. (French and Indian war ser.) Appleton. \$1.50.

"A thrilling story for boys, with the hero, Robert Lennox and his friends in flight from the Indians. Scene is at Lake George and the story ends with Abercrombie's defeat at Ticonderoga."—A. L. A. Bkl.

The mystery of Ram Island. Century. \$1.50.

"A boy scout câmping story which is above the average in interest." A.L.A. Bkl.

Under boy scout colors. Century. \$1.35.

Ashmun, M. E. Isabel Carleton. Macmillan. Isabel Carleton's Macmillan. Heart of Isabel Carleton. Macmillan. Isabel Carleton's friends. Macmillan. \$1.50 ea.

Thoroughly wholesome stories for girls.

The American boys' book of signs, signals and symbols. (Wood-Beard, D. C.

craft ser.) Lippincott. \$2.00.
"Explains simply all kinds of signs including danger signs, trail signs, signs of the elements, secret writing, gesture signals, deaf and dumb alphabet, signal codes, railway signals, hobo and Indian signs, and Boy Scout signs and signals."-Openshelf.

Bond, A. R. On the battle front of engineering. Century. \$1.50.

"Tells by words and pictures the story of great engineering projects such as the Quebec bridge, grain elevators, aqueducts, tunnels under the East river, etc. Good illustrations."—A. L. A. Bkl.

Bosschère, Jean de, comp. and il. Folk tales of Flanders. Dodd. \$3.50. A beautiful gift book.

Bostock, F. C. Training of wild animals. Century. \$1.35.

The author is an authority on this subject.

Cervantes Saavedra, Miguel de Don Quixote retold by Judge Parry; il. by Walter Crane. Lane. \$2.00.

Chevney, E. G. Scott Burton, forester. Appleton. \$1.50.

Collins, A. F. Amateur mechanic. Appleton. \$1.25. The magic of science. Revell. \$1.25.

"A book of scientific amusements which can be performed with simple apparatus. Illustrates an unusually large number of scientific principles for boys in grammar grades. Will interest and spur boys' curiosity in spite of its unattractive makeup."—A. L. A. Bkl.

and Collins, V. D. Boys' book of submarines. Stokes. \$1.50.

"Brief history of submarine, directions on how to make and work a model submarine together with much information on the real boats, how they are operated, living on them, types of engines, the construction and shooting of the torpedo. There is also an interesting chapter on the new submarine chaser. Many illustrations and working drawings."—A. L. A. Bkl.

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Cooper, J. F. The last of the Mohicans; il. by N. C. Wyeth. Scribner. \$2.50.

A beautiful ed. of this excellent Indian story.

Driggs, L. LaT. Adventures of Arnold Adair, American ace. Little. \$1.50.

Thrilling adventures of a New York boy who enlists with the French flying corps at the outbreak of the war. The author is an authority on aeronautics.

DuPuy, W. A. Uncle Sam, wonder worker. Stokes. \$1.50.

"Readable account of the odd activities of the government bureaus. Tells how cotton is grown on trees, how fish are made to help in the pearl button industry, how useful new animals are invented, how the persimmon's pucker has been stolen and a number of other interesting facts."—A. L. A. Bkl.

Gregor, E. R. Running Fox. Appleton. \$1.50.

A thrilling Indian story for boys.

Hagedorn, Hermann. The boys' life of Theodore Roosevelt. Harper. \$1.50.

"Intimate and personal, with extracts from Roosevelt's diary, photographs and an interesting collection of Roosevelt cartoons."—A. L. A. Bkl.

Hall, A. N. Carpentry and mechanics for boys. Lothrop. \$2.00.

Home workshop, war toys, and mechanical toys, back yard and camp craft, garden craft.

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. Tanglewood tales; il. by Milo Winter. Rand. \$1.50. Wonder book; il. by Milo Winter. Rand. \$1.50. Same and Tanglewood tales; il. by Maxfield Parrish. Duffield. \$2.50.

Lamb, Charles and Lamb, Mary.

Scribner. \$2.50. Same; il. by Arthur Rackham. Dutton. \$3.00.

Same; il. by Louis Rhead. Harper. \$1.50.

Latham, H. S. Under orders. Macmillan. \$1.50.

Mabie, H. W. ed. Famous stories every child should know. Grosset. Heroes every child should know. Grosset. Legends that every child should know. Grosset. \$0.75 ea.

Macgregor, Mary. Story of France; Story of Greece told to boys and girls; Story of Rome. Stokes. \$3.00ea.

Marshall, H. E. Island story; child's history of England. Stokes. \$3.50. "Stories include legendary as well as historical events."—A. L. A. Bkl. This country of ours. Doran. \$3.00.

"A history of the United States for children, written by an English woman, with fairness to the American viewpoint."—A. L. A. Bkl.

Newbolt, H. J. Tales of the great war. Longmans. \$2.25.

Perry, Lawrence. The fullback. Scribner. The big game. Scribner. \$1.35 ea.

Pyle, Howard. Men of iron. Harper. \$1.75.

"Story of the training of an English knight in the time of Henry IV of England." New York City, Department of Education. Catalogue of books for public school libraries. 1907.

Rideout, H. M. The far cry. Duffield. \$1.35.

"Adventures of two young men who are shipwrecked in the South Seas and meet another man in a similar plight, and how the three help to defend an Englishman and his granddaughter from the owner of an island which the three men reach. Clean and wholesome; it is a manly tale which will delight boys of all ages from twelve to eighty."—A. L. A. Bkl.

Rolt-Wheeler, Francis. Boy with the United States explorers. Lothrop. \$1.50.

Interesting story of the work of the United States Bureau of Agriculture. Boy with the United States fisheries. Lothrop. Boy with the United States foresters. Lothrop. Boy with the United States Indians. Lothrop. Boy with the United States life savers. Lothrop. Boy with the United States mail. Lothrop. Boy with the United States survey. Lothrop. \$1.50ea.

Thomas Alva Edison. (True stories of great Americans.) Macmillan.

\$0.75.

"Interesting and popular. Based largely on other biographies. Describes Edison's inventions of substitutes for European products cut off by the war."—A. L. A. Bkl.

Wonder of war at sea. Lothrop. Wonder of war in the air. Lothrop. Wonder of war on the land. Lothrop. \$1.50 ea.

The last three books describe the various methods of modern warfare.

Roosevelt, Theodore. Good hunting; in pursuit of big game in the West.

Harper. \$1.50.

Seaman, A. H. The girl next door. Century. \$1.35. "An interesting mystery story for girls."—A. L. A. Bkl.

Stevenson, R. L. B. Treasure Island; il. by N. C. Wyeth. Scribner. \$2.50. Same; il. by Milo Winter. Rand. \$1.50. Same; il. by Louis Rhead. Harper. \$1.50.

Tappan, E. M. The little book of the war. Houghton Mifflin. \$1.25; School ed. \$0.60.

The European war to the middle of 1918.

When knights were bold. Houghton Mifflin. \$2.50.

Tomlinson, P. G. The trail of Tecumseh. (Great Indian chiefs ser.) Appleton. \$1.50.

ton. \$1.50.
"Tells of events leading to the battle of Tippecanoe and briefly of the battle itself. Story revolves around the adventures of four young volunteers under General Harrison."—A. L. A. Bkl.

Verne, Jules. The mysterious island; il. by N. C. Wyeth. Scribner. \$2.50. Williams, Archibald. Romance of modern engineering. Lippincott. \$2.00.

Contents: Harnessing of Niagara; Taming of the Nile; Dams and aqueducts; Forth bridge; Tower bridge; American bridges; Trans-Siberian railway; Cairo to the Cape; Loftiest railway in the world; City railways; Severn tunnel; Simplon tunnel; Manchester ship canal; Panama canal; Harbours of refuge; Ocean leviathans; floating docks; Romance of petroleum; Artesian wells.

Good illustrations.